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STRAIN CLOSE TO BREAKING POINT

Possibility of Severance of Diplomatic Relations Between United States and Germany Generally Discussed in Washington—"Hostile Approach" May Be Germany's Excuse

WASHINGTON, August 21.—Official despatches to the state department have confirmed the early press reports announcing that the British liner *Arabic* was torpedoed without warning and that at least some Americans lost their lives.

Whether the attack upon the *Arabic* was an act "deliberately unfriendly" to the United States, against which President Wilson gave warning in his last note to Germany, apparently depends upon whether the German submarine commander claims that he interpreted as a hostile approach the change in the liner's course to assist the British steamer *Dunsley*, which had been torpedoed nearby. This point perhaps cannot be cleared up until Ambassador Gerard at Berlin has ascertained what reports the German government received from the submarine commander.

In the meantime President Wilson and Secretary Lansing are conferring over despatches already received from Ambassador Page at London and are anxiously waiting further reports from American consuls.

While awaiting the report of the submarine commander at Berlin officials are interested in what Ambassador Gerard has to say as to what he may have discovered at the German capital about the attitude of high German officials there.

Officials here made no attempt to minimize the situation. Everywhere the possibility of the severance of diplomatic relations between the United States and Germany will be discussed as likely if it develops that the *Arabic* was deliberately torpedoed without regard to the question whether she made a hostile approach on the submarine.

WASHINGTON, August 21. — It was announced at the state department today that Ambassador Gerard probably would be directed to call the German government's attention to the

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Rev. George E. Tomkinson, Minister.



10.30 a. m.—Morning service conducted by Rev. W. E. Waterbury of Boston.

11.45 a. m.—Bible school.

7.30 p. m.—Evening service conducted by the Y. P. S. C. E. A cordial invitation to all.

AT THE CENTRE CHURCH

Services for Sunday.

10.30 a. m.—Service of worship and praise. Sermon by Rev. Ozaia S. Davis, D. D., of Chicago.

11.45 a. m.—Session of the Sunday School.

7 p. m.—Meeting of the Christian Endeavor society. Topic, A Basis of Sound Belief: Why and How to Get It. 1 Peter 3:12-16. Leader, Clyde Horton.

IN ODD FELLOWS' HALL.

Monday night at 7.30 — Regular meeting of Wantastiquet lodge.

BULGARIA TO JOIN ALLIES

Entente Powers Expected to Induce Greece and Serbia to Cede Territory

ROME HEARS ABOUT A COMPROMISE PLAN

Part of Macedonia to Bulgars and Kavala to Serbs, with Further Settlements to Be Arranged Later—King of Greece Reluctant.

ROME, August 21.—The entente powers, according to a positive statement made by the Sofia correspondent of the *Gazzetta d'Italia*, have offered to Bulgaria that part of Macedonia given to her by the Serbo-Bulgarian treaty of 1912, with the right of immediate occupation. The controversy over the part of Macedonia contested by Serbia and the cause of the second Balkan war will be settled after the present war ends.

Proportionate compensation is to be given to Serbia, including the city of Kaval, with the districts of Kavala and Seras, with the right of immediate occupation. Bulgaria on her side renounces forever pretensions to Saloniki, Vidina and Uskub. She promises also to declare war immediately upon Turkey aided by funds of the four allies. Bulgaria, the correspondent declares, will receive further territorial concessions in Turkey.

It is believed that Serbia and Greece will give way under pressure by the entente powers, but negotiations will be lengthened by the reluctance of the King of Greece to consent to any cession of territory.

NAPLES, August 21.—A despatch to the *Matino* from Saloniki says that Bulgaria has concentrated 150,000 troops on the Turkish frontier. Recent news despatches from Sofia have agreed that Bulgaria is satisfied with the territorial concessions offered to her by the entente powers, as the price of her aid in the war.

The consent of Serbia and Greece to these terms is awaited before the allies can bring their negotiations with Bulgaria to a successful conclusion.

20,000 MAROONED BY ST. LOUIS FLOODS

Ten Reported Dead and the Damage to Property Very Large—Heaviest Rainfall on Record.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 21.—A rain which began early Thursday night and continued steadily yesterday flooded nearly all of St. Louis, St. Louis county and the manufacturing district across the river in Illinois. The rainfall was the heaviest in the history of St. Louis, 6.7 inches falling between 7 o'clock Thursday night and 7 o'clock last night. The previous high record was 5.08 inches in 1898.

Thousands of commuters were marooned in St. Louis, as all communication and subway electric service was discontinued. The First Regiment armory and the Coliseum were thrown open as sleeping places for them. Cots were provided by the city.

Water inundated a section of the city and country covering 15 square miles. It ranges from one to 20 feet in depth.

The water rose so rapidly that it quenched fires in the engines of communication trains and then poured into the coaches.

It is estimated that 20,000 persons, mostly commuters, were unable to get to work. In some cases business men went downtown in rowboats. Many who were trying to wade through the deep waters were swept from their feet and forced to swim for safety.

Twenty-five persons suffering from exposure to the rain were taken to the city hospital by firemen, who rescued 60 persons, mostly children, from houses on the banks of the River Des Peres. Ten persons have been reported drowned.

Exclusive Berlin avenue has been converted into a swift flowing river. Forest park, the big West End playground, is entirely under water. Its fish hatcheries are ruined.

Every rowboat and motor truck in the city was requisitioned by the police, who carried on their rescue work with the aid of lanterns.

Mayor Kiel personally took charge of the rescue work. Several hundred persons were forced from their homes in Baden, North St. Louis, just before the Moline creek dam broke, flooding the first floors of all houses and sweeping cottages from their foundations.

The police estimated that the damage from the water would reach into the millions.

This forenoon nine bodies were recovered, one that of a white woman, the eight other victims being negroes. Two negroes who are missing are supposed to have been drowned.

DUMMERSTON.

E. H. Brown and Harry T. Brown returned Thursday night from McIntosh Falls, where they went to attend the Brown-Bedell wedding. Mrs. M. E. Brown will return later.

THRONG IS PLANNING TO COME WEDNESDAY

Much Interest in Brattleboro's Guest Day Shown in West River Valley—Extra Cars to Run.

After a trip through the West River valley in the interests of Brattleboro's guest day President Horton D. Walker of the local board of trade is convinced that good weather is all that is needed to make next Wednesday an occasion to be remembered for a long time, not only by the residents of this town but by the inhabitants of every burg within a radius of 25 miles. Everybody "up the gauge" seems to be making plans to visit Brattleboro the 25th.

In Jamaica all public work is to be suspended so that the people of that town can come down to root for its baseball team. Willard's mill in Townshend is to be closed so that proprietors and employees can join the throng from that town who are planning to be on hand to "root" for the Townshend baseball players.

In other towns up the West River valley the same enthusiastic spirit is in evidence. Folks are looking forward with keen anticipation to the good time which they have been told Brattleboro is preparing for them, and President Walker is so certain that the crowd from that locality will be a big one that he has requested Station Agent Ashby to put two extra coaches on the West River line trains for that day.

The Reformer invites visitors to come in to see the line type machines in operation and to get a better idea of how the newspaper is made. President Walker has received the following letters extending courtesies to visitors:

Mr. Horton D. Walker, President Board of Trade:

Dear Sir:—The S. A. Smith Mfg. Co. will gladly extend the freedom of its factory to both visitors and townspeople during the day of the 25th inst. Yours truly,

F. L. HUNT, Manager.

Horton D. Walker, President Brattleboro Board of Trade:

Dear Sir:—We shall be very pleased to have you extend a hearty invitation to all those visiting Brattleboro on August 25, to inspect our plant.

Yours very truly,

C. H. EDDY & CO.

W. E. Haskell, Jr., Mgr.

August 20, 1915.

Mr. H. D. Walker, President Brattleboro Board of Trade:

My Dear Sir:—We wish to extend an invitation through you to our visitors on Guest Day, Aug. 25, to visit Masonic Temple, and Mr. Wales will show them every courtesy.

Very Truly,

MASONIC TRUSTEES.

August 20, 1915.

Mr. Horton D. Walker, President Brattleboro Board of Trade:

Dear Sir:—The Windham County Agricultural association and the Valley Fair association invite any of your Home Day guests who are interested to look over the experimental alfalfa plot on the Valley fair grounds. I shall be at the town hall that day, and shall be glad to take anyone out to look over this alfalfa.

Yours very truly,

A. W. SWEETON.

County Agent, U. S. D. A.

August 20, 1915.

Mr. Horton D. Walker, President Brattleboro Board of Trade:

Dear Sir:—Our offices will be open for inspection and our employees will be pleased to explain the workings of our plant to visitors on August 25. Visitors are always welcome, but we will make special arrangements to entertain them on this day.

Yours truly,

R. J. ELDRIDGE,

Manager New England Telephone & Telegraph Co.

August 20, 1915.

\$50,000 ORDER FOR T. N. VAIL'S HOME

Contract for Granite Given to the Woodbury Company of Bethel—Mansion to Cost \$500,000.

BETHEL, Vt., August 21.—The Woodbury Granite Co. of Bethel has been awarded the contract for the granite work for the new residence of Theodore N. Vail, to be erected at Morrisville, N. J.

When completed, the grounds and residence will represent an investment of close to \$500,000. The granite contract calls for Bethel white granite similar to that now being furnished for Mr. Vail's Western Union building in New York city, and will keep the Bethel stone sheds busy for some time.

The granite will cost in excess of \$50,000. The award of this work is another evidence of Mr. Vail's real interest in Vermont products. With the whole country to pick from, he has chosen Vermont stone.

WIFE SEES HIS DEATH PLUNGE

Bostonian Falls Into a Canyon at Mount Ranier.

TACOMA, Mass., Aug. 21.—While climbing Gibraltar rock on Mount Ranier with a party of Eastern tourists Thursday G. F. Ordway of Boston slipped and plunged to death down a canyon. Mrs. Ordway saw her husband fall.

Mr. Ordway's body was recovered by other members of the party and was brought to Tacoma, whence it probably will be forwarded east.

GERMANS LONG FOR PEACE DAY

Socialist Leader Makes a Stirring Speech in the Reichstag Today

MUST END WAR WHEN ENEMIES WANT PEACE

Said He Favored Vote for New Credit, Declaring That Enemies Must Be Compelled to See That Their Hope Is Futile.

BERLIN, August 21, via London.—In the course of the debate today in the Reichstag Dr. Eduard David, the Socialist leader, said:

"There live in the hearts of the German people as in all people a longing for a day for the restoration of peace. It were ill for humanity if it were otherwise. The European people are bleeding from thousands and thousands of wounds. Every day of the war means further frightful destruction of values. Therefore I point again today to the declaration which our party made in Reichstag. We adhere to the principle declared on Aug. 14, 1914, that an end must be made to war as soon as our enemies are inclined to make peace. Lust for conquest must not prolong this war unnecessarily.

"Emperor William said we were making no war of conquest and the chancellor's speech yesterday supplied further proof. Unfortunately Germany's enemies are not yet inclined to peace, notwithstanding their severe defeat. They are still looking for more allies. They say time is their ally and hope to wear out Germany's economic and military power by protracting the war.

"If we desire peace, therefore, the only thing left is to compel them to see that their hope is futile and I hold it to be my duty to add that we expect a greater measure of liberty for the German people.

"With this hope we shall vote for the credit. We must reach the goal of equal civil rights attending equal civic duties. Whoever did not know it before must have learned through this war that the great masses of German people stand so high in efficiency, in the sense of social duty that the demand for full political equality can no longer be refused."

WAYWARD BOY SENT TO VERGENNES

Harry Staples Pleaded Guilty to Charge of Assault on Nine-Year-Old Girl—Denied at First.

Harry Staples, 15, admitted in the municipal court this morning before Judge Frank E. Barber that he was guilty of criminal assault yesterday afternoon upon Elizabeth Cottrell, 9, daughter of Mrs. H. W. Cottrell, who is living in the home of Harry Dowley on Western avenue. Staples, who was on probation on a charge of larceny, was committed to the Industrial school at Vergennes for not less than two years and eight months nor more than three years, which was the length of the larceny sentence, and the statutory charge against him was continued from time to time.

The Cottrell girl left the Dowley home yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock to get a pail of water at the cold spring near the ball field on the creamery flat, where she was accustomed to go frequently for the same purpose. On the way to the spring she encountered Staples, whom she knew as he had worked at a house near the Dowley home. He accompanied her to the spring. The child was gone so long that members of the Dowley family started to find her and met her hurrying home crying bitterly.

She told her story and State's Attorney O. B. Hughes, Sheriff C. E. Mann and Dr. Thomas Rice were notified. The officers found Staples in the vicinity playing ball with two other boys and he was taken to the Dowley home, where the girl instantly identified him as her assailant. He admitted at the time that he had met the girl near the spring, but denied the rest of her story. This morning he admitted the crime.

Dr. Rice found the girl had been injured, but not seriously.

ITALIANS WIN BATTLE.

Three Austrian Machines Brought Down Off Adriatic Coast.

PARIS, August 21.—Italian aeroplanes defeated an Austrian air squadron off the Adriatic coast, according to a despatch to Figaro from Turin. Three of the Austrian machines were brought down and their crews were either killed or made prisoners.

SEEK EXTENSION ON B. & M. NOTES

Directors Ask for More Time, Hoping to Get Legislation for Consolidation.

BOSTON, August 21.—In order that time may be allowed for obtaining permissive legislation in New Hampshire for the consolidation of the Boston and Maine railroad and its leased lines, holders of short time notes of the Boston and Maine were asked yesterday to agree to another six-months' extension or accept part payment in notes of the Maine railways companies. The outstanding short time notes of the Boston and Maine amount to about \$17,000,000, and are due September 2. The offer by the company is on the same basis as that of six months ago, when holders of \$5,000,000 of similar notes exchanged them for the Maine railways companies notes secured by stock of the Maine Central railroad.

The circular to the note holders says that since the last extension the trustees and management have worked unceasingly for the reorganization of the system, and have secured reorganization legislation in Maine and Massachusetts. "It is still uncertain," the circular adds, "whether New Hampshire will take action permitting a consolidation of the whole system, but we believe that neither the Boston and Maine nor the leased lines should relax their efforts to secure such action."

Judge Marcus P. Knowlton, director and trustee, gave out a statement opposing the action proposed. He is in favor of early reorganization.

JOHNSON IS HELD FOR COUNTY COURT

Furnishes Bail in Sum of \$700 and Is Released—Hearing Completed Before Judge Barber.

John Johnson, 48, of Vernon, whose trial before Judge F. E. Barber of the municipal court occupied all of Wednesday afternoon and most all day yesterday, was held under \$700 bail yesterday for the county court on a charge of a statutory offense against his niece, Edith Johnson, 14, also a resident of Vernon. Benjamin Streeter, the respondent's brother-in-law, became surety and Johnson was released. In connection with this case an inquest was held at Vernon Tuesday and as a result of disclosure made at that time Johnson was arrested and the case set for a hearing Wednesday afternoon. The case was not completed then and was continued to Friday morning, court being in session that day until 3 o'clock in the afternoon. State's Attorney O. B. Hughes represented the state and Attorneys Gibson & Daley appeared for the respondent.

The girl testified in court that the offense was committed by another person, whom she named, but the court considered that there was too much contradictory evidence on that score to decline to hold Johnson. The defense did not put in any testimony.

TWENTY ENTRIES FOR TENNIS TOURNAMENT

McHenry of Norfolk, Sheldon of Hartford and Fox of New York Among Entries Last Evening.

Up to noon today a total of 20 entries had been received by Chairman Harry P. Greene of the tennis committee of the Brattleboro Country club for the state tennis tournament, which opens Monday morning at 10 o'clock on the grounds of the Country club. Entries last evening included those of Henry H. McHenry of Norfolk, Conn., Paul Sheldon of Hartford, Conn., Fred P. Fox of New York, and four from Pine Grove Springs hotel, Spofford lake. Formal entry of the names of those from Pine Grove Springs will be made before closing time at 8 o'clock tonight.

ITALY DEMANDS AN ANSWER FROM TURKEY

A Yes or No Answer as to Whether Italians Will Be Permitted to Leave and When.

PARIS, August 21.—The Italian ambassador at Constantinople, says a Rome despatch to the *Matin*, has been instructed to hand to the Porte a note asking for a formal categorical statement as to the departure of Italians from the Turkish possessions. The note is couched in terms admitting no evasion. Without being an ultimatum it calls upon the Turkish government to declare yes or no whether Italians will be permitted to leave and when.

LABOR CONDITIONS REMAIN UNCHANGED

Bridgeport Brass Company, Employing 2,000 Hands, to Go on Eight-Hour Schedule.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., August 21.—Labor conditions in many Bridgeport industrial plants today remained practically unchanged from yesterday. The Bridgeport Brass Company, employing 2,000 hands and working night and day on material for the Remington Arms and Ammunition Company in addition to other orders, posted a notice making effective on Monday the eight-hour day in all departments.

GERMANS FAR BEYOND BUG

Russian Field Armies Fight Desperately But in Vain to Stop Onrush

NAVAL BATTLE RAGES IN GULF OF RIGA

Petrograd, However, Gives No Detail as to Magnitude of Action—French and British Governments Declare Cotton Contraband of War.

LONDON, August 21.—The Russian field armies are fighting desperately but vainly to check the onrush of the German and Austrian. Novo Goriavsk, the last Polish fortress to hold out, has fallen.

Ossowetz, to the north of Poland, has resisted the invaders thus far only because of the marshy nature of the surrounding country which prevents the Germans from employing their heavy guns effectively.

South of Brest-Litovsk Field Marshal Von Mackensen's forces have penetrated far beyond the Bug.

Other German armies east of that river render a serious Russian defense along the Brest-Litovsk line virtually impossible. The mysterious naval battle in the gulf of Riga was still in progress at the time of the latest reports from Petrograd which, however, gave no details as to the magnitude of the action.

Along the other fronts no important changes are recorded with the exception of the French admission of inability to hold the Lens-Arras cross roads recently captured.

The foreign office announced that the *Journal Officiel* tomorrow morning will contain an announcement by the French and British governments declaring cotton an absolute contraband of war.

FELL DEAD ON CROQUET GROUND

James Wood Chapman, Summer Resident at West Townshend, Was Stricken With Heart Disease.

James Wood Chapman, 69, retired, of East Orange, N. J., who was spending his summer vacation at Maple Hill farm, West Townshend, fell dead of heart disease there yesterday afternoon. The body was sent today to his home, where the funeral services and burial will take place.

Mr. Chapman, accompanied by his wife, had been at the farm for some time and yesterday was engaged with others, in laying out a new croquet ground and was in especially good spirits. Dr. G. T. Gale pronounced death due to heart disease.

Mr. Chapman leaves, besides his wife, five children.

WAS NOT CONVOYED.

Official Statement Issued in Regard to the Steamer *Arabic*.

LONDON, August 21.—The British government today authorized the statement that the steamship *Arabic* was not being convoyed when she was torpedoed by a German submarine.

A Pleasant Auto Trip

The most charming Inn accessible on a short drive from Brattleboro is the GREEN MOUNTAIN HOUSE at WEST WARDSBORO.

An old fashioned tavern, entirely rebuilt and refurnished. Get acquainted with the mountain country nearby. Twenty-five miles from Brattleboro, via Hill Road from Newfane, 32 miles via Townshend.

See Windham County First

NEW ARRIVALS



Quality Furniture Co.

Where you bot the bed